Post and Telegraph offices in Tribal and backward area of Gujarat

3715. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are demand for opening of Post and Telegraph offices in various districts and places of Gujarat particularly, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Backward Areas;

(b) if so, what are the demands during 1st January, 1982 to 31st July, 1987;

(c) by when it is likely to be installed;

(d) the number of Post Officers and Telegraph Offices have been opened during the above period in various districts and places of Gujarat and the names and places thereof;

(e) what is the amount spent on each ones; and

(f) what is the approximate number likely to be opened during 1st September 1987 to 31st December, 1987 in the above and the estimated expenditure thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) *Postal*. During the period 1.1.1982 to 31.7.1987 demands had been received for opening of 46 post offices (including areas inhabited by weaker sections of the population) in Gujarat.

Telecom: The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) *Postal*: Post offices have been opened in 19 villages. The other proposals were not justified as per norms.

Telecom: The information is being collected and will be laid on tht Table of the House.

(d) and (e) *Postal*: The required information is furnished in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIII Annexure No. 142].

Telecom: The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(f) *Postal*: There are no proposal to open new post offices during the period 1.9.1987 to 31.12.1987.

Telecom: The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone exchanges in each district of Gujarat

3716. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have proposals for the establishment of Telephone Exchanges at the level of all the district centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of district centres which are without telephone exchanges in Gujarat;

(d) the amount spent for establishment of telephone exchanges in the district of Vadodara, Surat, Valsad, Bhavnagar, Amreli and other districts and Taluka centres in Gujarat; and

(e) the names and details of Taluka centres, district centres and other places are planned and considered for the establishment and opening of the same during 1st October, 1987 to 31st December, 1989 and the amount likely to be spent at each places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) Out of 443 District Centres in the country, 441 are already having

telephone exchanges. The two District Centres where the telephone exchanges have not been established so far are:

(i) Keylog (Himachal Pradesh)

(ii) Chandrapur (Assam)

Thus, all the District Centres in Gujarat are having telephone exchanges.

(d) and (e) All projects for expansion as well as new works regarding telecom network including all stations in Gujarat costing more than Rs. 50 lakhs each are mentioned in Appendix XII to the detailed demands for Grants for the Department of Telecom.—1987-88 laid before Parliament in its Budget Session as a part of the budget document. The details are available in Sl. No. 120 to 239 and 1571 to 1639.

The estimate for 1988-89 has not so far been approved and will be placed in Parliament during next budget session.

Collision of shipping Corporation of India Cargoship with a Greek Bulk carrier

3717. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated 7th August, 1987 wherein it has been stated that Shipping Corporation of India Cargo Ship collided with a Greek Bulk Carrier in the Red Sea on 6th August, 1987;

(b) if so, the estimated loss of life and property;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was no loss of life. The ship sank along with a total cargo of 10,068 tonnes including 33 loaded containers consisting of steel, woodpulp, news print, machinery, and general cargo.

(c) and (d) The inquiry under Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 and inquiry by SCI has commenced.

दिल्ली विश्व विद्यालय में छात्र होस्टल

3718. **श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय में स्नातकोत्तर स्तर के छात्रों के लिए कितने होस्टल हैं, उनमें से कितने होस्टल छात्रों तथा छात्राओं के हैं ;

(ख) दिल्ली के कितने कालेजों में होस्टल सुविधायें उपलब्ध करायी गयी हैं; और

(ग) इस संबंध में बढ़ती हुई मांग को ध्यान में रखते हुए सरकार दिल्ली के कालेजों तथा दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय में होस्टल की सुविधायें उपलब्ध कराने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार कर रही है तथा उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री तथा स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री पी०वी० नरसिंह राव) : (क) दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा दी गई सूचना के अनुसार विश्वविद्यालय में केवल महिलाओं के लिए 265 स्थान वाले एक छात्रावास सहित 710 स्थान के छः छात्रावास हैं।

(ख) 11 (ग्यारह)।

(ग) सातवीं योजना अवधि के दौरान विश्वविद्यालय का 3 नए छात्रावासों का निर्माण करने का प्रस्ताव है—मुख्य कैम्पस में 300 स्थान के दो और दक्षिण दिल्ली